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SUBJ: SIDORENKO REQUEST TO VISIT USA 06.00, 06.03, 06.0201

REF: MOSCOW 3728

1. MONDAY, MARCH 15, UDINTSEV ADVISED MARINEAU AND OSTENSO OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SIDORENKO ITINERARY AT AND IN BETWEEN WG 06.03 MEETING IN HAWAII AND JOIDES EXECUTIVE MEETING IN NEW YORK. TUESDAY USDEL AND SCICOUNS MET WITH SIDORENKO AND UDINTSEV AND POINTED OUT DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIET PROPOSAL. USDEL REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF COUNTERPROPOSAL PER PARA 5 BELOW, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SOVIETS.

REPLY REQUESTED 17 MARCH BY 9:00 A.M. MOSCOW TIME.

2. ITINERARY PROPOSED BY UDINTSEV AS FOLLOWS:

-4 - 11 APRIL HONOLULU;

- 12, 13 APRIL SAN FRANCISCO;

-14, 15 APRIL SAN DIEGO;

- 16, 17 APRIL WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA;

-18 APRIL TRAVEL WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK;

- 19, 20 APRIL NEW YORK;

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-20 APRIL GROUP DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK

-30 APRIL SIDORENKO, UDINTSEV AND BARSUKOV DEPARTURE

3. USDEL ADVISED UDINTSEV ABOUT DIFFICULTIES ACCOMMODATING LARGE DELEGATION OF EIGHT HIGH RANKING SCIENTISTS ON SUCH AMBITIOUS TOUR FOR THREE WEEKS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

4. AT 16 MARCH MEETING SIDORENKO REQUESTED REPLY TO UDINTSEV'S PROPOSAL. DURING LONG DISCUSSION SIDORENKO PROPOSED THAT ONLY SIDORENKO WITH UDINTSEV MAKE CONTINENTAL PORTION OF TOUR. USDEL POINTED OUT THAT IN VIEW OF US PROPOSED JCM IN US DURING OCTOBER 1976 AND A TOUR (SUBJECT TO PRIOR SOVIET COMMITMENT TO 1977 TOUR INCLUDING SOVIET FAR EAST FACILITIES) A HIGH LEVEL VISIT AT THIS TIME DOES NOT SEEM ADVISABLE. SIDORENKO MENTIONED THAT BY VIRTUE OF HIS HAVING ENTERTAINED SEC INTERIOR UDALL, DIR OMB ASHE AND PRESIDENT OF STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA, HE HOLDS STANDING INVITATIONS FOR RETURN VISIT. USDEL OFFERED TO TRANSMIT SIDORENKO'S WISHES BUT WAS CAREFUL NOT TO PROMISE ANYTHING BEYOND THAT.

5. IN VIEW OF SIDORENKO'S STRONG DESIRE AND ACADEMY'S ALREADY GRANTED PERMISSION TO MAKE TRIP, USDEL RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING ALTERNATE PLAN FOR SIDORENKO AND UDINTSEV:

-19-23 APRIL NEW YORK FOR JOIDES MEETING;

-24, 25 APRIL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C.;

- 26, 27 APRIL ATTEND IPOD MEETING AT NSF;

-28 APRIL SAN FRANCISCO;

-29 APRIL - 1 MAY WG MEETING HAWAII JOINED BY REMAINDER OF DELEGATION;

- 2, 4 MAY VISIT FOR FACILITIES;

-4 MAY DEPARTURE TO TOKYO.

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6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF CHANGED PLAN.

7. PLEASE ADVISE AFTER CHECKING WITH MALAHOFF (ONR) FOR CONCURRENCE FROM WHITE, MAXWELL AND WOOLLARD.
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